REMARKS

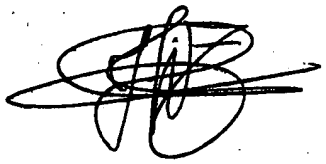
Claim 1 has been amended to introduce previously recited text that had been inadvertently omitted in amendment practice. The text introduced by this amendment is supported by the Application as filed. *See, e.g.*, Application, p. 2, *l.* 12, p. 6, *ll.* 17-18, p. 31, *l.* 20, p. 34, *l.* 17. The text introduced by this amendment was considered as such during examination until it was inadvertently omitted while editing the clean and marked-up versions of the claims in a previous amendment. *See, e.g.*, Amendment dated October 9, 2002, pp. 3, 5 (underlined text).

Applicants further submit that claim 1 as presently amended is comprised in claim Group I that was elected in response to the restriction requirement issued in the Office Action dated 03/26/2002, and that has been examined with the text introduced by the present amendment. *See, e.g.*, Amendment dated October 9, 2002, pp. 3, 5 (underlined text).

Applicants submit this Amendment and accompanying RCE for the purpose of clarifying the recitation of claim 1 and rendering its recitation as considered during examination. This Amendment corrects the inadvertent text omission that was made while editing text in a prior amendment, and it therefore makes it possible the issue of this Application as a U.S. patent with claim 1 printed therein free of the inadvertent text omission referred to hereinabove. In view of the above amendment and comments, Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is maintained in its condition for allowance, and passage to issue is earnestly requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,



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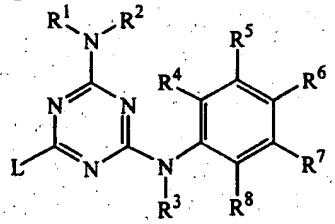
Amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A compound of formula



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a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein

R^1 and R^2 are each independently selected from hydrogen; hydroxy; amino; C_{1-6}alkyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxy; C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; Ar^1; mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino; mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminocarbonyl; dihydro-2(3*H*)-furanone; C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from amino, imino, aminocarbonyl, aminocarbonylamino, hydroxy, hydroxyC_{1-6}alkyloxy, carboxyl, mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)amino, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl and thienyl; or

R^1 and R^2 taken together may form pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, morpholinyl, azido or mono- or di(C_{1-6}alkyl)aminoC_{1-4}alkylidene;

R^3 is hydrogen, Ar^1, C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6}alkyl substituted with C_{1-6}alkyloxycarbonyl; and

R^4, R^5, R^7 and R^8 are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl or trihalomethyloxy ;

R^6 is aminocarbonyl; or

L is C_{1-10}alkyl; C_{3-10}alkenyl; C_{3-10}alkynyl; C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; or

L is C_{1-10}alkyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of C_{3-7}cycloalkyl; indolyl or indolyl substituted with one, two, three or four substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; and phenyl or phenyl substituted with one, two, three, four or five substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, aminocarbonyl, nitro, amino, trihalomethyl, trihalomethyloxy, or C_{1-6}alkylcarbonyl; and,

Ar^1 is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents each independently selected from halo, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkyloxy, cyano, nitro or trifluoromethyl.